

Application Serial No: 10/560,015
Responsive to the Office Action mailed on: June 5, 2009

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 5, 2009. Claim 1 is amended to include language from claims 5 and 10. Claim 1 is also amended editorially and is supported, for example, in the specification on page 14, line 13 and page 15, lines 6-10. Claims 6, 7, 9 and 11 are amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 16 is amended to include language from claims 1, 5, 13 and 14. Claims 5, 10, 13-15 and 17-20 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12 and 16 are pending.

§112, Second Paragraph:

Claims 10-12 are rejected as being indefinite. Claim 10 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and features of claim 10 are now included into claim 1. Claim 1 is further amended to recite "an island portion separated from the insulating film". Accordingly, the claims no longer contain the claim language found indefinite in the rejection. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

§102/§103 Rejections:

Claims 1-7 are rejected as being anticipated by Stiene (WO 02/32559, equivalent US Patent No. 6,719,923). Claims 1-4 and 17 are rejected as being anticipated by Musho (US Publication No. 2001/0042683). Claims 1-7 and 9 are rejected as being anticipated by Neel '299 (US Patent No. 6,946,299). Claims 1-5, 7, 18 and 19 are rejected as being anticipated by Neel '635 (US Patent No. 6,743,635). Claims 1-7, 13-15 and 17 are rejected as being unpatentable over Sato (WO 03/012421, equivalent US Patent No. 7,047,795) in view of Chang (US Patent No. 6,787,013). These rejections are traversed.

These rejections are now moot as claim 1 is amended to include language from claims 5 and allowable claim 10. Applicants also note that the language of claim 4 is not included in amended claim 1. However, Applicants believe that while previously presented claim 10 depended from claim 4, the absence of language from claim 4 does not affect the patentability of the allowed language of claim 10. For at least these reasons claim 1 should be allowed. Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 depend from claim 1 and

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should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

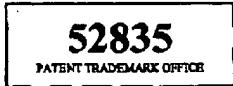
Claim 8 is rejected as being unpatentable over Neel '299. This rejection is traversed. Claim 8 depends from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Claim 20 is rejected as being unpatentable over Neel '635 in view of Nankai (US Patent No. 5,120,420). This rejection is now moot as claim 20 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants do not concede the correctness of this rejection.

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.

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